## OUR BOYS and GIRLS and GIRLS

### Adventures of a Paper Doll

To begin with, Gentle Gladys was a paper doll. She had no paren's to had never met the porter, and she did speak of, but was printed and cut out by machinery. Brothers she had none. but there was a large number of sislors, all of whom were her twins and looked just like her. The edition ran into something like ten thosasand. which makes the family of Gentle Gladys one of the largest in all his-

Gentle Gladys was made with underelothing on her. This, as many roung people can realize, was a decided advantage for her. It made it impossible for her to take a bath. Besides, her hair was always done up just so, and every little girl who has had her hair in a snarl and had to have the kinks combed out can appro- "I clate the advantage of being made like Gentle Gladys was, Morcover. the young lady, according to how she was dressed was so made that with two movements her dother were changed. One movement was taking the one color of and the other was posting the other rolor on they pessessed alx gowine and six of the hats, all of them very becomes While ordinarily immorable, reach ing in the same position to wonhad been made, it is a fact that some times she moved her hands when an changed gowns-or, rather, when one dress she had her hands in a much

the ruffled petticoat, Gladys was a person of great refinement and fine disposition. She was exceptionally good-natured, never being known to complain or speak harmly. She remained where she was placed and always greeted visitors with a pleasant smile.

in another she held a benquet. In a

third she was holding up her train,

and the trimmest ankle showed under

Gentle Gladys lived in a little paper box, along with her gowns and her hats. Her picture was painted on the lid of the box, and she never gadded about. It is presumed she slept most of the time, for she had to remain in the box while her mamma was at school; yet no one ever saw her with her eyes closed. She was too wellbred to sleep in the presence of com-

There, it has come out. Gladys got a mamma sometime after she was She was tied, while shut up in her box, to a Christmas tree and given to a little girl around the corner from the church. This girl, Irene by name, was delighted with Gladys, and loved her very much, just as a little mamma ought to do. She called in a neighbor girl, and the two dressed Gladys in one after the other of the gowns for an hour at a stretch, Gladys bore it all with patience, and never said a cross word to her mam-

When Irene would go to school Gladys would lie shut up in her box, that did look like a co say a word. And when Saturday came, then Gladys would be brought out and become the center of attraction, while the little girls would cut out new dresses for her. A very queer person was Gindys. She didn't eat a bite, and yet she remained plump, and apparently in good health. She didn't talk, either. This is the reason why there is no conversation in this story, though conversation properly belongs in every story. frene talked to Gladys, and she could feel what Gladys evidently meant to suy, but the paper doll rever really said a word. Yet that she was happy there can be no manner of doubt. If she wasn't, why should she always smile so pleasantly?

Why, Gladys smiled even after she had laid out in the rain all night and taken that frightful cold. She knew that her manua didn't mean to forget her, and, though she had suffered untold agonies when the lightning and thunder played around her, and her mamma was in a good bed, forgetful of her child; though she felt the ink running out of her, leaving her pale and wrinkled and badly disfigured, yet Gladys smiled bravely when Irene rescued her in the morning and tried to let her mama understand that she didn't blame her. Irene dried Gladys out as best she could and kept her in bed for several days. It was during this time that Gladys first undertook how deeply she was loved, and when a new dress was put on her she looked about as well as well as ever and was so happy.

Soon after this, Irene and her mamma went to a neighboring village for a visit, and nothing would do but the Gentle Gladys should be taken along. Gladys was safely lying in her box, along with her many gowns, and Irene carried her in her hands. Once in the train, the paper doll in the box was laid on the seat, and when the train stopped Irene, forgetting all about the doll, left her lying there, and never missed her until the train had pulled out and it was too late to get the child. Then Irene cried, of course, and her mamma scolded her for being so forgetful. It was the last time she ever saw Gentle Gladys. She never even heard of her afterward. and will be interested in the remainder of this story, as showing what became of her baby doll.

If Irene felt bad, how do you suppose Gentle Gladys felt, lying there among strangers, unable to cry out, unable to move and being carried

away from those she loved? Would cannot tell her agony. Yet through it all she bravely smiled. Poor, Gentle Gladys.

How long she remained in the seat no one can ever tell. It seemed to her that she must have gone balf around the world, for Gladys dien't know much about geography and couldn't be expected to realize how big the world is. Finally the porter came along and picked up the box in which Gladys lay, and when he had opened it he smiled and murmured to himself that he knew what to do with it. Gladys was badly frightened. She



Have Brought You Something Nice, Sally,"

not know but he meant to butcher her lowever, ber feare in this respecer and held her prisoner under so at we until he reached the ead Then he took Gentle Gladitis confined in the box, and left if unia carrylas her a long dista-Lough the town until he reached small house in the outskirts of city. When he prepared to enter it boute Gladys was that frightened all would have cried out had she besome one changed gowns for her. in went up to a thin little sick girl lyin, able. But on entering the porce on the had and said:

'I have brought you somethin, nice, Sally

ite laid the box on the bod by he side and watched her as she with trembling hands opened it. It was good to see the little one's face light up with Joy, and to her exclamaons of delight as she looked on Gladys and her elegant dress was rejoiced that she had come to this place, and she loved the little girl. Sally played with the paper doll until she was tired out, and then she fell asleep, clasping Gentle Gladys to her bosom. No one will ever know the good that Gentle Gladys did.

Through long, feverish nights and dark, dreary days, Gladys lay at the side of the sick child, always cheer ily smiling and never leaving her presence for a moment. Sally did not forget. Her starved soul seemed to expand under the influence of the paper doll, and, though she grew weaker and weaker in body, there had been awakened in her something that had never been there before. She for got her sickness; she didn't mind the fever; love had come to her and she was happy. It saddened Gentle Gladys to see the little one failing, as she knew her to be. Night after night she remained by the side of the child, and every time that Sally would look Gentle Gladys smiled. It was all she could do. And it helped wonderfully.

wondered at. Many, many men and women have sat at the bedside of loved ones, longing for the power to stay the hand of death, and were mterly helpless, and Gentle Gladys was so small. The night that Sally died the looked at the paper image, which and been dressed in its most gorgeous gown for the occasion, and, lifting a vasted hand, laid it over the doll that on her breast. So gently left the pirit of the child that Gentle Gladys aid not tell when the oosom ceased o lift with the breath of life.

Since the little one had passed to te world of shadows with Gentle indys lying on her heart, it was med appropriate that the paper all should be buried with her. Gen-Gladys did not care. It is hard go under the ground, under the n and snow, while still living and eving life; but Centle Gladys proved realf equal to this stupendous sacrice, and lay in the little white collin. owned in the garments of life, with e same sweet smile upon her lins hat had in the old days charmed the eart of Irene, and there she lies on Sally's pulseless breast, probably uniling still.

Jack and the Clock. "Why is it that I am like the

clock ?" Said laughing Jack to me. Because I have two hands and a face,

As anyone can see." The difference 'twixt the clock

and Jack Is quite too plainly seen; I wish they were alike in this: Its hands and face are clean.

### 9eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee A Tragedy.

This is the short, sweet, sorrowful

tale Of Jessica Jenkins Jones; She planted a packet of seeds with

pride While her dog looked on with his head on the side And thought, "She's burying bones."

When Jessica left, he dug like mad In search of the luscious bones, So Jessica's garden it doean't grow, And Jessica's dog is cross, and so

Is Jessica Jenkins Jones. -Doris Webb in St. Nicholas.

New Methods Have Changed the Work of Gathering.

PEARLER WELL EQUIPPED

With a Suit of India Rubbers Copper He Descends to the Bottom of the Hours There.

Caesar to Brutus' mother was said to 18,000,000,000 eggs. have been worth \$175,000, says Lonare still high enough to make diving profitable.

The era of naked divers exposed to peril from sharks has passed away. Modern progress equips the pearler with a suit of india rubber, per annum amounts to \$1.50 copper breastplate, with leaden panelled and with telephonic attachments; air pipes, life lines and a submarine searchilgist. Thus equipped the pearl diver may spend six or eight hours at the bottom of the sea, whereas in olden times three minutes made a record.

Although pearls are found in nearlike the Australian hallotis, a kind of barnacle, true pearls are produced only by the pearl syster or mother or pearl shell. The latter is really the diver's bread and butter. The shells are as big as dinner pictes and weigh two pounds when cleaned They fetch from \$500 to \$750 a ton,

The ancient fisheries were chieffy in the Indian Ocean and Persian Guif but nowadays the best pearls come from Ceylon and from Australian waters, especially Torres Straits. Pearl fishing in Ceylon is a government monopoly. In March the fleet starts for the pearling grounds, each vessel with twenty or thirty divers and their assistants. But the headquarters of pearling are to be found in the desolate country extending from Exmouth Gulf to King Sound, in Western Australia,

A glistening white coast line is this, whose monotony is broken only by mango fringed salt water creeks and scorching deserts of spinifex and sand. Long before inland gold was dreamed of roving natives fished these seas for pearls, and they paid what is now the pearl town of

Chinese and Malays as well as tribes of native black fellows are there to-day, but the old nude divers, the reign of terror and piracy when a large haul was made-these and similar conditions have passed away, giving place to fleets and luggers carrying modern diving outfits and representatives of the inevitable capitalist in the person of the master If Gentle Gladys was unable to ar- pearlers. Here are six hundred rest the waste of the disease and save | miles of coast line, with perhaps five the life of the little one, it is not to | thousand hardy adventurers engaged in the pearl trade.

There are some thousands of Japanese, Manilamen, Malays and men of other races acting chiefly as crews for the vessels. The vessels are schooner rigged and from seven to a master diver and a crew of four, and works the air pumps. Another holds the life line and pays attention to signals; another is catching fish or peeling potatoes for dinner, and it may be a third has gone off in the dingey for fresh water and fire-wood,

The shells are found on ledges about ninety feet down in the sea, but they are far more plentiful at greater depth. Fortune awaits the inventor of a diving apparatus which will enable the pearler to work in comfort one hundred fathoms down.

The lugger has a low freeboard to allow the diver with his heavy dress and gear to be casily hauled on board. He carries a net holding the shells with him, and when this is full he has it hauled up so that he himself may run no risk of entangling life line or air pipe.

When the pearler works at, say, twenty fathoms he moves easily, notwithstanding his forty-pound boots, amid groves of coral trees, interlaced with fluttering, fern-like plants, among whose branches swim gorgeous tropical fish and sinister water snakes, which seem to resent the intrusion of so strange a monster.

A good day's work is anything more than two hundred pairs of shells. The business is absolutely speculative. One diver may gather ton after ton of shells without securing anything of greater value than a few seed pearls, while another may take a fortune out in a day's gathering.

The most famous pearl discovered in Australia of late years is known as the Southern Cross. It consists of a cluster of nine pearls in the shape of a cross. This freak of nature was picked up at low water on the Lacipede Island by a beachcomber named Clark, who, after burying it for some time for superstitious reasons, sold it for \$50; later, it

brought \$50,000. ed as he is by every device known to modern submarine engineering, is exposed to many perils. He may lose his life by the tearing of his dress upon the sharp coral rocks.

HEN TRUST FIGURES.

If it Could be Capitalized its Product Would Pay Bigger Dividends Than Railroads.

It is claimed that the average production of a hen is 200 eggs per annum, but it is safe to assume that the actual is much below this Breastplates, and Leaden Weights figure, the Wall Street Journal says. Adopting the very conservative figure of 120 eggs per hen per Sea-Spends From Six to Eight annum, we find on the above basis of production there are 150,000,000 laying hens in the United States The Servilia pearl given by Julius responsible for the production of

At the farm price of 20 cents per don Tit-Bits. For a pearl an inch dozen the total income derived from in diameter a Persian shah of the each hen annually would amount seventeenth century is said to have to two dollars. Allowing 40 cents paid \$320,000. The pearl market is for maintenance and ten cents for somewhat lower nowadays, but prices depreciation, which latter would wipe out the market value of the hen in four years, irrespective of salvage when the period of production is over, the net profit per hen

This profit, according to Wall weights back and front; helmet, glass street standards, capitalized on a five per cent, income basis, would place a nominal value of \$30 on each hen. For the 150,000,000 hens this would amount to the enermous total of \$4,500,000,000.

That the American hen can return a yield of five per cent, per ly all mollusks and even in univalves annum on a capitalization of \$4,-500,000,000 appears nothing short of remarkable, but such is the case The entire outstanding capital obligations of the ratiroads of the United States in 1907 were less than four times this amount or \$16,082,146,683, while the total paid out in interest and dividends represented but 4.05 per cent, of this amount.

### FIRST AIRSHIP SERVICE.

Dirigible Will Carry Passengers and Make Regular Trips.

The first regular air navigating service in Europe will be inaugurated on May 15. Regular trips will be made from Munich, Bavaria, alternately to Staroberg and Oberammergau. A dirigible balloon driven by two moters of 100horse power each, will be used.

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### ceed two hundred thousand dollars. Ice Combine.

the building complete not to ex-

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### Webster's Birthplace Sold.

.The foreclosure of a mortgage on the birthplace of Daniel Webster, a farm in the southern part of Franklin, New Hamshire, may lead to the formation of an association to purchase and maintain the place The pearl diver of to-day, protect- as a memorial to the famous states-

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